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HUNGARY-USSR-ROMANIA: There are indications that Moscow may be pressing Budapest to strengthen its support of Kremlin foreign policy.

After signing the Crimean summit communiqué on Monday, Kadar left for Budapest, where on Wednesday he convened an unusual joint meeting of the central committee, government, and popular front. The nature of the communiqué following this meeting is markedly different from Kadar's usual efforts to appear flexible and add moderating language when he is repeating Soviet-dictated positions. The communiqué also states that the party and government will now have to pay close attention to unity in the socialist camp and reasserts Hungarian loyalist intentions toward the USSR.

Kadar is in most respects one of Moscow's staunchest supporters, but he has been tacitly pushing for a more forthcoming attitude toward China for several months. In addition, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Kadar also seems to be trying to repair damage to his relations with Ceausescu caused by a Soviet attempt in June to stir up old animosities.

If the Soviets are adopting an increasingly serious attitude on the Romanian issue, they would almost certainly make a special effort to get Kadar's support early instead of allowing a repetition of the moderating tack he took in 1968 on Czechoslovakia.

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USSR-INDIA: Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko's visit to India tomorrow is another effort by Moscow to head off another war between India and Pakistan. New Delhi apparently still hopes for assurances that it will get some Soviet support if hostilities break out.

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[MALTA: Prime Minister Mintoff has told the US ambassador that he did not sign an agreement with Libya during his visit of 4 August to Tripoli. He said that the Libyans want "the whole hog," and after consultations with his advisers he decided not to agree to Tripoli's terms. Mintoff did not spell out what the Libyans were offering or demanding. Malta is facing an imminent economic crisis, according to Mintoff, and he "needs cash now." The US ambassador believes that Mintoff in seeking interim aid is hoping to gain time while the UK and NATO work out a package that would obviate the need for Malta to rely entirely on Libya for help.

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